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THE war fever did not stir up Commissioner Evans's pulses to any increased activity last week. He calmly allowed last week.

As long ago as 1818 John Quincy Adams, then in a bitter dispute with Spain, wrote: "Spain, like Harleguin Roi, says, 'Let there be peace,' but will agree to nothing which is necessary to secu e peace."

THE New York Evening Post-which can always be relied on to be un-American,-the New York Staats Zietung which is under the thumb of the Roths childs, and the Cincinnati Valksblatt, which represents the views of the brew ers, are about the only papers in the country opposing a war with Spain.

THE Regular Army cannot probably send more than 15,000 men to Cubapossibly not more than 12,000 or 13,000. The residue of the 50,000 or 100,000 will have to be made up of volunteers. The National Guard should have the first show at this, and after them other volunteers. Tens of thousands of enterprising young men will want to go, first to do whatever service the Government may require of them, and then to settle down in the country and take advantage of the innumerable splendid opportunities which the rich and undeveloped island affords.

THE Chicago Federation of Labor has hit upon a bit of practical diplomacy that will hit the professional diplomats squarely between the eyes. It has un animously adopted a resolution asking the people of this country to boycott the goods and productions of any country that attempts to interfere in our dispute with Spain. Score a long one for the Chicago Federation of Labor. That is a manuver that will knock out the Spanish diplomacy in every round.

jealous of one another.

about \$1,000,000,000 worth of goods of thousands of people are already and better ideas to the people who have annually, and no one of them wants to starving, and where both army and been dwelling in the darkness of Spain.

her own just now.

THE Republican Executive Committee of Hancock, O., need a sharp lesson. They have secured the appointment of two of their number as members of the Board of Pension Examining Surgeons, and have not an old soldier on the Board.

INFANTRY TACTICS.

We give this week our second instalment of the United States infantry These will be of the greatest interest and value to our readers. There is everywhere a great demand for books of military instruction, and these cannot be obtained, because the supply of the Government Printing Office was exhausted weeks ago. The publication in THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE is the only way in which they can be obtained. Even where young men have no idea of going the publication is valuable, owing to its need for ublic schools

THE DECLARATION OF WAR.

The die is cast. The death-knell of Spanish misrule in the New World has been rung. The whole manhood, wealth and resources of this mighty Nation are pledged to her immediate expulsion. The struggle in Congress is ended in the adoption of a declaration which must henceforth be accepted as the united voice of every man and woman owning allegiance to the Star Spangled Banner. The people of the United States have been of one mind as they never have been before upon any great question, in the determination that we owed it to ourselves and to common humanity to drive the Spanish flag from this side the Atlantic. The only differences among us have been as to when and how this should be done. The differences in Congress have been as to the verbiage of the announcement of this determination to Spain and the world. The language in which this was finally framed is something of which we can all be proud, and in the years to come it will be referred to as one of the greatest and noblest acts of

" Joint resolution for the recognition of the independence of the people of Cuba, demanding that the Government of Spain relinquish its authority and Gov ernment in the Island of Cuba, and to withdraw its land and naval forces from Cuba and Cuban waters, and directing the President of the United States to use the land and naval forces of the United States to carry these resolutions into

" Whereas the abhorrent conditions which have existed for more than three years in the Island of Cuba, so near our own borders, have shocked the moral sense of the people of the United States, have been a disgrace to Christian civilization, culminating, as they have, in the destruction of a United States battle-ship, with 266 of its officers and crew, while on a friendly visit in the harbor of Habana, and cannot longer be endured, as has been set forth by the President of the United States in his message to Congress of April -11, 1898, upon which the prosperously. action of Congress was invited: Therefore,

" Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,

" First-That the people of the Island of Cuba are and of right ought to be

" Second-That it is the duty of the United States to demand, and the Gov his regular little grind of 983 originals ernment of the United States does hereby demand, that the Government of Spain at once relinquish its authority and Government in the Island of Cuba and with- exceed 48 hours to answer. This will draw its land and naval forces from Cuba and Cuban waters.

" Third-That the President of the United States be, and he hereby is, directed and empowered to use the entire land and naval forces of the United States, and to call into the actual service of the United States the militia of the several States, to such extent as may be necessary to carry these resolutions into effect.

"Fourth-That the United States hereby disclaims any disposition or intention to exercise sovereignty, jurisdiction, or control over said island, except, for the pacification thereof; and asserts its determination, when that is accomplished, to leave the Government and control of the island to its people,"

We can safely challenge the criticism of the world upon this, and every line and sentence in it. It is one of the great state papers in our history, like the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, Lincoln's Inaugural and Gettysburg Addresses. It voices the might and majesty of a great, strong, free people, patient and long suffering, slow to wrath and averse to war, but, when unendurable wrongs have roused them, terrible as the storm. There is no taint of selfishness in their hearts. They specifically declaim any thought of national advantage to be gained by the war. They are simply going to the help of the Lord against the mighty, and to rescue the weak from the terrible persecution of the strong. Never was a foreign war entered upon with a higher purpose, and we can all abide its issue before God and the world.

THE AMERICAN ARMY IN CUBA. war with Spain, it is now practically certain that a very large land force will have to be sent to Cuba.

serious fighting for this. There is much talk about besieging and capturing Habana, possibly other cities, and of driving out the Spanish army. It is wise to consider every possible contingency in war, but no one really expects anything of the kind.

THERE are four very excellent reasons It may amount to nothing more than a few vincing object lesson of our power why the European powers will not take long-range shots at our Flying Squadron and resources. This is the only concerted or separate action against in the neighborhood of Porto Rico, and way he can learn it, for the 1. They are persistent and incurably ships to avoid capture. Then, report- conception of America, its strength, 2. They know that Americans have the whole thing may fall at once, for people than he has of the moon and its long memories, and sooner or later each with the Spanish forces on the island inhabitants. To pervade the island one of them will be called sharply to cut off from supplies there will be noth- with 100,000 well-drilled, well-disciaccount for her share in the trans- ing left to them but a speedy surrender. plined, intelligent American soldiers will 3. Altogether, they are selling us many days in a country where hundreds conceived. It will be a flood of new 4. Each one has troubles enough of or this country. It may be that a woman on the island a little ways at surrender. It should, for its ability to speedily silence the guns in the defenses unquestioned by any competent critic.

to person and property. This necessity for a large force would still exist if the Spaniards hauled down their flag tomorrow, and evacuated the island as as part of the civilization of the New fast as their ships could take them on board. The greater part of the people of Cuba are still disagreeably near barnegroes who were brought directly from arms in their hands will remain as citi- Mr. Sutherland has been persistent and the slave-pens of Africa. One-third of zens. They will become fascinated with active in behalf of the veterans of his

abolished only 12 years ago. Hundreds Whatever the course taken by the of thousands of the whites are scarcely above the negroes in intelligence and education. Years of civil war have done their sad work in breeding mur-No well-informed man expects any derers and robbers galore in this congenial soil. The feeling between the different parties and factions is intense, and expresses itself in destroying property and killing men and women at every opportunity.

The only way to deal with this vast of Napoleon III. mob-for that is virtually what it is-It is as nearly certain as anything can of most unpromising materials is to put be in war that Spain does not intend and | before its very eyes a strong display of cannot make anything more than a physical force. The smallest number the last 50 years. Where 74 people out formal, perfunctory fight, merely to save that has been suggested for this purpose appearances, and to demonstrate that is 50,000 men, and 100,000 has been she only yields to overwhelming force. urged as still better. There is little She really would not fight at all, were it doubt that the larger number would be not to save the present tottering dynasty | the surer and the cheaper and better in from being overthrown by the Carlists. the end. The more that are sent there, But having resolved to make a show of the less time they will have to stay, for fight, she is not going to allow the show the end will be quickly attained by to be any more costly than she can help. putting before every Cuban's eyes a conthe precipitate retreat of the Spanish average Cuban has but little more ing themselves unable to reach Cuba, and the ideas and character of our They cannot maintain themselves very be as great a missionary work as can be people have to be fed either from Spain It cannot help starting every man and single action between cruisers will de- least toward a higher plane. The prestermine the matter. It may be that the ence of large garrisons of clean, welladvance of the fleet at Key West upon | behaved, intelligent troops in Habana, Habana will bring about a complete Matanzas, Santiago, Cienfuegos, and other cities, with their trim camps, their soldierly bearing, their progressive ideas, of the harbor, and force a surrender is the rigid justice they will enforce, the marches of these men through the But in any event we shall have to country, and their free communication occupy the island in force. We are with the people, will all be the most powpledged in the strongest manner to at ful influences in demonstrating that the once end the distressing conditions ex- hideous old days of Spanish oppression, isting upon the island, and give security violence, murder, robbery, sloth, ignorance and barbarism have finally passed away, and that the beautiful island has

where military instruction is desired. them are blacks, and slavery was the fair, fertile country, and its bound- District.

entered upon a new and glorious career

less possibilities. They will see one of the richest lands upon which the sun shines, which has been stunted in its development by 400 years of Spanish misrule. To many intents and purposes it is virtually a new country, in spite of its ancient settlement, and invites their occupation. There, is land enough for all of them, so cheap as to be almost for the asking, and upon it they can raise unlimited crops of tobacco, sugar, coffee, bananas, and other products that bring high prices and ready cash in the United States. For those who do not want to go into agriculture there are equally great possibilities in all forms of business. There are mines which the Spaniards have never allowed to be worked, there are timber areas which the Spaniards have not had the thrift to utilize. Every interest and resource of the island has hitherto been under the clammy, merciless hand of Spanish repression. When that is removed there will be endless opportunities for bright young Americans to establish themselves

WHAT WILL FOLLOW.

The President will probably sign the Declaration of War this-Tuesdayafternoon, and immediately send his eultimatum to Spain, giving her not to bring a time when, for once in their history, the shuffling, evasive methods of the Spaniards will not avail.

There are but two things for them to

1. Abjectly surrender, and agree to withdraw at once from Cuba; or,

2. To make a show of fighting, and then surrender.

Either step is a terrible humiliation to them, but one which their manifold how many dere vassoff dent. I ko oud unt ket crimes have richly deserved.

The Pope and the powers are endeavoring to persuade them to take the first. They may do it. The shame ful history of Spaint abounds in instances where haughty insolence has been followed by craven surrender. Never have they been confronted by such an irresistible power as that which now lays its hands upon its sword-hilt.

If they decide to make a show of fighting in the vain hope of saving the dynasty, the result must be equally humiliating. Any encounter with the forces of a civilized power must reveal such corruption and inefficiency in the Spanish army or navy as will crush the present dynasty under infinite odium. The revelations will be incomparably worse than those made by the "debacle"

Civil war in Spain must at once follow. They are used to that, however. They had probably a score of them in of every 100 are unable to read or write. no improvement in conditions can be RATES TO NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

The Trunk Line Passenger Association has adopted the following rule in regard to the fares to the National En-

G.A.R. National Encampment, Cincinnati, O., Sept. 5 to 10. One fare per capita for the round-trip, except that from points in the vicinity of western termini where double locals or the regular excursion fares to such termini added to fares authorized therefrom make less than one fare, same may be used; tickets of form 2 (modified to permit of return without execution, provided extension privilege is not availed of), to be sold and good, going, Sept. 3 and 4, returning leaving Cincinnati not earlier than Sept. 6, ner later than Sept. 13, except that by deposit of ticket with Joint Agent at Cincinnati between Sept. 5 and 9, both dates inclusive, and on payment of fee of 25 cents, return limit may be extended to leave Cincinnati to Oct. 2, inclusive.

This seems a slightly more liberal arrangement than we have been having. The rate of one fare for both ways is better than a one-cent-a-mile rate for long distances, though not so the short distances over which the great bulk of the travel will be. For example, probably nine-tenths of the at tendance will be from the States of Ohio. Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, West Virginia, Kentucky, and western Pennsylvania. The average rates of fare there is considerably in excess of two cents a mile. The local rates, we think, are generally about three cents. But this is again modified by allowing the roads to use their regular excursion rates. Just how this will work out remains to be developed by a study of the local

To Mr. Rhoderick Dhu Sutherland. of Nebraska, is due much of the credit of securing the revocation of Commis-Nor will all the benefits of this be sioner Evans's order prohibiting the reto the Cubans. Immense numbers of consideration of pension claims for one barism. Tens of thousands of them are the young men who go down there with year after their allowance or rejection.



The Officer of the Guard was a long time in coming, and Mr. Rosenbaum grew quite chatty and communicative, as they sat around the bright fire of cedar logs and smoked.

"Yes," he said, "I haf peen in de segret serfice effer since de peginning off de war—in vact, pefore de war, for I pegan ketting news for Frank Plair in de Vinter pefore de war. Dey say de Chews haff no batriotism. Dat's a lie. Vhy should dey haff no batriotism or gountries where dev vere tretted like togs? In Chermany, where I vass porn, dey dreated us vorse than togs. Dev made us lif in a liddle nasdy, big-ben off an alley; ve hat to go in ad suntown, unt shtay dere; ve hat to wear a tifferent gloze from other volks. unt ve titn't tare say our souls vere our own to any tirty loafer dat insulted us. Here ve are dreated like men, unt vhy shouldn't ve help keep de gountry from preaking up? Chews ought to do more dan anypody else, unt I mate up my mint from de fery virst dat I vass koing to do all dat I gould. De Chenerals haf tolt me dat I gould do much petter for de gountry in the segret serfice dan as a solcher; dey gould ket blenty of solchers, unt put vew sbies."

"Now you're shoutin'," said Shorty. They kin git me to soldier as long as the war lasts, for the askin', but I wouldn't be a spy 10 minutes for a corn-basket full o' greenbacks. I have too much regard for my neck. I need it in my business."
"You a spy," said Si derisively. "You

couldn't spy for sour apples. Them big feet o' your'n'd give you dead away to anybody that'd ever seen you before."
"Spyin' isn't the business that any straightfor'rd man,"-the Deacon began to say in tones of cold disapproval, and then he bethought him of cruelty to the stranger, and

"O, it's jest as honorable as anything else, Pap," said Si, divining his father's thought. "All's fair in love and war. We couldn't git along without spies. They're as necessary as muskets and cannon."

"Inteed dey are," said Mr. Rosenbaum earnes ly; "you vouldn't know what to do | Cheneral Billow sent me to gadder up all de information dad id vould gost hundrets off lifes to ket, unt may save tousants off lifes, vou're vun of dem St. Louis Dutch-dem imunt all dat id gosts is vun poor liddle Chew's neck, vhen dey drop on to him, some day, Dey all ought to be killed. I ought to kill unt leafe him swinging vrom a dree. But you myself for peing so cussed mean to me. vhen dat dime gomes, I shall make no more gomplaint dan dese odder poor poys do, who ket deir heads knockt off in paddle. I'm no | but den I knew dat Pob Smiles vass a kreat petter dan dey are. My life pelongs to de plowhard, unt his park vase much vorse dan gountry de same as deir's, unt dis free his pite. In St. Louis he vass all alfays lovernment is vorth all our lifes, unt more | koing to vite somepody unt kill somepody,

Deacon deeply. "I'd no idee that there was | unt dev velled, "Hang de Chew sby. Kill so much o' the man in a Jew," he said to de tam rasgal," unt odder tings dat made me himself. Then he asked the stranger: "How did you come to go into the spy

business, Mr. Rosenbaum?" Vell, I vas in St. Louis in de gloding off de Amerigans unt Irish seemed to be Seperore me, unt by geepin' my ears wite open, hat, mit kold gord, unt so on. kot hold off lots off news, which I took straight to Cheneral Lyon. I kot vell ack- dis fuss in gamp?' he said. rainted mit him, unt he used to sent me here Secessionists, dey'd talk to one anodder righd to salute de Major's silfer stars. 'And ve before me as to vhat vass p ing done, unt I'd are koing to hang him.' keep my ears vide open all de dime though I seemt to pe only thinking apout de fit unt le puttons unt de kold lace. Den Cheneral yon vanted to find oud chust eggsackly how pizniss kards, brinted on vhite, unt 1,000 brinted on gray baper. I vent troo de whole camp. To effery man in uniform I gif a white gard; to effery man widdout a uniform, who seemed to pe dere for earnest, I gif a gray gard. Vhen I got back I gounted my gards in Cheneral Lyon's office, unt fount 1d gif oud 500 vhite gards unt 200 gray vuns. Den Cheneral Lyon dook oud apont 3,000 men, unt prot de whole crowd back

"Great man that Gen. Lyon," sighed the Deacon. "Too bad he was killed so soon.



TRYING TO SAVE HIS NECK.

"Den Cheneral Lyon," continued Rosenbaum, "sent me out vrom Sbringfielt, Mizzoori, too see how many men olt Bap Brice unt Pen McCullough had gaddered up akenst him from Mizzoori, Argansaw, Dexas, unt de blains. Holy Moses, I vass scared vhen I see me, 'unt dey vere apout to hang him, youst to de pile of dem. De whole vorldt seemt out pass avay de afternoon more dan for anything dar, yipping unt yelling vor Cheff Tavis, else. I dook him avay from dem, delling trinking raw sod-corn vhisky, making secesvass looking vor Megzican silfer tollars to avay vrom dem. After dey've gone avay or dake to Megzico to puy bowder unt leadt vor got inderested in something else I'll dake him de reppel army. I hat a lot of new Gonfedrit notes dat I'd kot vrom my gousin, who vass in de topacco pizniss in Memphis. Dey vass kreat guriosities, unt effery man who had a Megsican tollar vanted to drade it vor or less isn't of any gonsequence. Brobably a Confedrit tollar. Dere vass no use dryin' he desertes hanging, though, put id isn't well to gount de men-might as vell have dried | to engourage de poys to hang men on sight. to gount de leafs on de drees, so I begun to Dey're quite too ready to do dat anyvay.'
gount de rechiments. I stuck a pin in my "He dalked to de udder man a liddle, unt gount de rechiments. I stuck a pin in my righd lapel for effery Mizzoori rechiment, vun Representative from the Fifth District in my left lapel for effery Argansaw rechiment, ant vun in vest for effery vun vrom Dexas. I hat plack pins for de gannons. I vass ketting along very vell, vhen I run agross Bob Smiles, a tirty loafer, who had been a gustomer in St. Louis. He vouldn't bay me, unt I hat to ket oud a writ unt levy on his gloze yoost as he vass dressing to ko to a quadroon ball. I left him mit only a ory, if not for my morals. Vhat pizniss vas neckdie, vhich vas vorth nutting to me, as id you in?' hat peen vorn and soiled. He vass very sore "'Gle akenst me, unt I vass not surbrized. It

"'Hello, you tamt Tutch Chew,' 'Vhat are you toing here?'

"I dried to pe very bleasant, unt I but oud my hant unt said, mit my pest smile:

"'Koot kracious, Pob, how glat I am to see you. Vhen tit you ket here? Are you vell? Christ's gloze,' said I, bicking up a liddle gourage. 'Dey vass Romans, Italians—Dayou. How are de udder poys? Who's here? Vhere are you sdopping?

"'Put I mighd as vell haf dried to make I've glean torgot. Say, what are you toing criends mit a pull tog in vront of a farmhouse vhere all te peoples hat kone afay.'
"'Ko to plazes,' he said. 'None of your pizniss how I am, or how I got here, or how de udder poys are. Petter not let dem vind oud you're here. Dey'll dake it oud of your Chew hide for de vay you ust to skin dem in St. Louis. I vant to know vhat de teffel you are toing here?'

" Now, Misder Smiles,' I said, bleasant as a May morning, 'dot's nod de vay to dalk to me. You know I got ub de stylishest gloze unt de pest vits in St. Louis. Ve hat a little drouble, it is drue. It vass nutting,



'I KNOW YOU, UNT I KNOW VHAT YOU'RE HERE FOR.""

though. Yoost a little pizness disbute. You know I alfays dought you van of de very nicest men in St. Louis, unt I said so, efen to

changed hastily,—"that I'd like to do. It's de Squire unt to de Gonstable."
"'Ko mit de teffel, you 'Ko mit de teffel, you Savior-killing Chew,' said he. 'Shut up your mouth, or I'll stuff a biece of bork in it. I vant to know ad vonce vhat you are toing town here? Major's dere. Vhat's such a uniform vorth?' Vhere did you gome vrom?'

"'I gome vrom Memphis,' said I. 'I'm in de serfice of de Southern Gonfedrisy.

borted Hessians. Dev're all dead akenst us. He put his hand on his revolfer in a vay dat made my breakfast sour on my sthomach. put he neffer tone neither. Kvite a growd His simple, sincere patriotism touched the gaddered roundt, unt Pob plew off to dem, unhappy. Put vhat made my vlesh grawl vass to see a man who vasn't saving much ko to a vagon, pull oud a rope unt pegin makin' a noose on de ent. Pob Smiles gaught hold of pizniss, unt you know it vass purty hot dere. | my gollar, unt started to trag me dovard a All de Chermans vass for de Union, unt most | dree. Yoost as I vass gifing up everything for lost, up gomes Chim Chones-de same cessionists. I sided mit de Chermans, put as | man I'm koing to meed here—he gome runnin ropotty seemed to think dat a Chew hat any | up. He vass dressed in vull uniform as a principles or gared for anything put de al- reppel officer-kray goat unt bants, silfer mighty tollar, ene ypotty dalked righd oud stars on his gollar, high boots, kray slouched

"'Here, vhat ist de madder? Vhat's all "" We've ketched vun of dem Tutch Chews unt dere to vind oud things for him. I'd vrom St. Louis, sbying our gamp, Major,' sell gray uniforms unt odder things to the said Pob Smiles, ledding loose of my gollar

> "' A sby? How do you know he's a sby? asked Chim Chones. ". Vell, he's Tutch; he's a Chew, unt he's vrom St. Louis. Vat more do von vant?

many men dere vass in Gamp Chackson-no asked Pob Smiles. De growd yelled, unt de cuessvork-no subbose. I dook 2,000 off my | man mit de rope vent to de dree, unt flung vun end ofer a limb. "'His peing a St. Louis Dutchman iss akenst him,' said Chim Chones. 'But his peing a Chew iss in his favor. A Chew ton't gare a blame for bolitics. He hain't got no vass my old self daking de measure of a brincibles. He'd radder make a picayune off gustomer. I put all de vigures town on his

> headquarters. I'll dake him up dere unt ecksamine him. Pring him along.' "'Ko along, Chew,' said two or dree off dem, giting me kicks, as Pob Smiles sdarted mit me. De man mis de rope shtood py de dree looking very disappointed.
> "Vhen ve got near Cheneral Brice's dent,

> "'You shtop dere. Gome along mit me, "'He dook me py de gollar, unt ve valked toward Cheneral Brice's dent. He vhispered to me as ve vent along: You're all righd, Rosenbaum. I know you, unt I know vhat you're here for. Yoost keeb a sdiff ubber lip,

dell your sdory sdraighd, unt I'll see you

Chim Chones says to de rest:

" Dat scared me worse dan effer, but all dat gould do vass to keep up my nerfe, unt play my karts goolly. Ve vent into de if de teffel vass after you, until you're at Cheneral's dent, but he vass busy, unt | Cheneral Lyon's dent. motioned us mit his handt to de Adjutant-

"'Vat's de matter?' asked de Adjutant-

Cheneral, motioning me to sit down, while he vent on making tally marks on a sheet off loose baper, as a man galled off de rechiments gamp. I saw de rope still hanging vrom a dat hat reported. Den he tooted dem all up, uat, turning to anodder officer, read vrom | ting town peside id patiently vaiting. it so many Argansas rechiments, so many Louisianny, so many Mizzoori, so many Dexas, so many patteries of ardillery, unt he said to anodder officer as he laid de paper face | Greek. down among de odder bapers on his dable, 'Yoost as I tolt you, Colonel. We haf vully 22,000 men here ready for pattle.' Den to us: 'Vell, now, what gan I to do for you?' "'De poys had bicked up dis Chew for a sby, Colonel,' said Chim Chones, pointing to sion speeches, unt shooding ad mark. I unt you gould do it aggording to de science rode rightd into dem, unt bretendet dat I of war. I prung him ub here to ket him

unt put him oudside of gamp.'
"All righd,' said de Adjutant-General,
mithout daking much inderest in de madder. den vhen he vent away he durned to me, unt

said, sort of lazy like, as if he titn't gare any thing apout it: "Vhere are you vrom?"

"'Vrom Memphis,' said I.

"'Kreat blace, Memphis,' said he; 'vun of de thriving suburbs of Santan's Kingdom.

" 'Gloding,' said I. gourse you vass in de gloding drade. You four years.

vass porn in it. All Chews haf pin since dev gambled for de Savior's garments.' " Dey vassn't Chews vhat gambled for Christ's gloze,' said I, bicking up a liddle,

"'Vass dey?' said he. 'Vell, meppe dey vas. I haven't read my Piple for so long dat

mit all dem bins?' "De question gome so unegspegted dat it gome near knocking me off my pase. I hat galgulated on almost effery odder bossible ing, ant vass ready for it, egsept dat vool question. I thought for a minit dat disappointed man by de dree mit de rope vass koing to ket his chob after all. But I gaddered myself togedder mit a jerk, unt galmly

said mit a smile: "O, dat's some of my voolishnes. I gan't ket ofer peing a dailor, and sticking all de bins what I find in my lapel. I must bick

up effery vnn I see.' 'Queer where you found dem all, 'said he, Mus've brung dem vrom Memphis mit you. I gan't find vun in de whole gamp. Our men use nails unt thorns instead of bins, I've peen vanting a lot of bins for my bapers. Let my haf all you got. I vish you had

a paper of dem.'
"I did have two or three bapers in my bockets, unt virst I hat a vool idea of offering dem to him. Den I remempered dat disappointed man mit de rope by de dree, unt bulled de bins oud of my lapels vun by vun unt gif dem to him, drying to keep gount in my headt as I tit so.'

"' Vhat are you toing here, any vay?' he asked as he gaddered up de bins unt put dem in a basteboard box.

"'I gome here ad Cheneral Billow's orders, to pick up some Megsigan silfer tollars, to puy ammunition in Megsigo.'

Anudder of olt plowhard Billow's fool schemes,' said he. 'I know old Billow, I serfed mit him in Megsigo vhen he dug his ditch on de wrong side of his vortification. He's brobably koing to do something else mit de tollars dan puy ammunition. Old Gid. Billow's a mighty slick vun, I dell you, vhen id gomes to villing his own bockets. He's no vool dere, vhatever he may pe in odder vays. He's vorking some scheme to skin our men, unt making you his bartner, den he'll durn around unt skin you. I'll sdop id koing any furder by durning you oud of gamp, unt I ought to dake away vrom you all de money you've gaddered up, but I

vont do id on vun gondition.' "'Vhat iss your gondition?' said I, drying not to sbeak too qvick. "'You say you are in de gloding bizniss. I vant awfully a nice uniform, yeast like de

"'Apoud \$75,' said I.
"'I paid \$65 for dis in St. Louis,' said Chim Chones.

"'Vell, \$10 iss not much of a skin for a mit your muskets ant gannon if de spies Megsican tollars I gould vind, to sent to Memphis Chew,' laughed de Adjutant-titn't delf you where de reppels vere, unt Megsico to puv ammunition.' General. 'I tell you what I'll do, it you'll "'Id's a lie, of gourse,' said he. 'A svear py de pook of Deuteronomy, unt Moses, Chew'd radder lie dan ead, any tay. Den Apraham unt Isaac, to haf me insite of two



RIDING FOR GEN. LYON'S HEADQUARTERS.

veeks voost such a uniform as de Major's dere, I'll led you off mit all de mony you haf made alretty, un vhen you gome pack mit it I'll gif you written bermission to drade vor effery silfer dollar in gamp.'

"Id iss a pargain,' said I. "'Unt id'll pe a berfect fit,' said he. "'Yoost like de baper on de vall,' said I. 'Led me dake your measure.'

"I had my eye all de time on de baper he had laid garelessly town unt forgotten. I bulled my tape-measure oud. De olt idee of de dailor gome up. I forgot apoud de disappointed man mit de rope py de dree, unt you in a drade dan haf a vagon-load of biece of baper, mitout his nodicing what I brincibles. But you vellers haf got notting vass using. I asked him aboud de lining, de to do mit sbies, any vay. Dat's headquarters drimming, unt de pockets, unt wrote dem pizniss. I'm an officer at Cheneral Brice's town. Den I volded up de baper unt sduck id in my preast bocket, unt my heart gif a pig chump, though I kept my vace sdraight, unt vent on dalking apout puttons unt silk praid unt kold lace for de sleefes. I bromised him he shoult haf de vinest uniform in de army in two veeks dime. Yoost den some officers gome in, unt Chim Chones hurried me oud. I gould nod understant Chim Chones. He hurried me agross to a blace pehint de voods, vhere ve found some horses."

"'Untie dat one unt ket on, gvick,' he said. 'My Gott, you've got de thing dead to righds, you've got efferything on dat biece of bapor. My Gott, vhat luck! Smartest ting I effer saw done. Ket that baper in Cheneral Lyon's hands bevore midnight if you kill yourself unt horse in toing id. I'll dake you oud past part of de guarts, unt show you how to afold de rest. Den rite as

"I vas dumffounded. I looked ad Chim Chones. His eyes vass like vire. Den it suttenly occurred to me dat Chim Chones vass a sby, too.

"As I mounted I looked back agross de "Dat nighd, de baper vas in Cheneral Lyon's hands, unt de next nighd de army

moved oud to vight de pattle of Vilson's "De Adjutant-Cheneral is still vaiting for dat uniform.

"Halt, who comes there?" called out Shorty, whose quick ears caught the sound of approaching footsteps. "The Officer of the Guard," responded

from the bank of darkness in the rear. "Advance, Officer of the Guard, and give the countersign," commanded Shorty, lowering his musket to a charge bayonets. The officer advanced, leaned over the bayo

net's point and whispered the countersign. "Countersign's correct," announced Shorty, bringing his gun to a present. "Good evening, Lieutenant. We have got a man here who claims to belong to the Secret Service." "Yes," answered the officer. We've been expecting him all afternoon, but thought he was coming in on the other road. I'd have been around here long ago only for that. This is ne, is it? Well, let's hurry in. They

want you at Headquarters as soon as pos-"Koot nighd, poys," called out Mr. Rosenbaum as he disappeared; "see you again

[To be continued.]

PERSONAL.

Brig.-Gen. George D. Ruggles, formerly Adjutant General of the Army, now retired, has taken charge as Governor of the Soldiers' Home of the District of Columbia, to "'Vhat a fool question to ask a Chew vhat relieve Brig.-Gen. David S. Stanley, also made me zick ad my sdomach vhen I saw piziness he vass in,' said he, yawning. 'Of retired, who has held that office for the past